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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF TUNGSTEN FROM STOCKPILE

1. BEING UNCLASSIFIED. CHIEF OF THAI MINING ASSOCIATION TOLD ECON/CML COUNSELOR JUNE 27 ABOUT CONCERN OF HIS ORGANIZATION OVER GSA PLANS FOR RELEASE OF TUNGSTEN FROM STOCKPILE. HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN PORTUGAL OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PRINCIPAL TUNGSTEN PRODUCERS. PRESS JUNE 28 CARRIED REPORT ALONG SAME LINES AS HIS ORAL EXPRESSION OF CONCERN, WITH SUBSTANTIVE EMPHASIS ON ALLEGED PRICE DEPRESSING EFFECT OF RELEASE AND ON AUTHORIZATION TO BUYERS TO MAKE ONLY SMALL DOWN PAYMENT. ALSO BROUGHT OUT FOR FIRST TIME WAS RAPID GROWTH OF THAI TUNGSTEN PRODUCTION OVER PAST THREE YEARS TO POSITION JUST BEHIND THE U.S. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. ACTION REQUESTED. IN VIEW OF THAILAND'S STANDING AS MAJOR WORLD TUNGSTEN PRODUCER, AND RTG EMPHASIS ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS, EMBASSY NEEDS ASAP WASHINGTON RATIONALE FOR REPORTED GSA ACTION. WHEN SIMILAR RELEASES WERE MADE FROM TIN STOCKPILE, EMBASSY WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOREWARNED AND FOREARMED. AS A RESULT IT WAS ABLE TO

DEFUSE BEGINNING OF CAMPAIGN VIA THE PRESS TO BELABOR USG
FOR RELEASE POLICY.
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